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**Transmittal Letter**  
**Request for Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)**  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/444,083
2. Filing Date: November 22, 1999
3. Title as originally filed: Absorbent Articles With Refastenable Side Seams
4. Applicants as originally filed: Amy L. Fletcher; Lisa Ann Dimitrijevs; Christopher Peter Olson; Kathleen Irene Ratliff; Shirlee Ann Weber; and Susan Lee West
5. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 4300 North Woodridge Drive  
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6. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.  
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The prior application is currently pending before Examiner Jacqueline F. Stephens in Group 3761. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes thirty-six (36) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, twenty-nine (29) claims, and six (6) sheets of drawings.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signatures of the inventors in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

Please amend the specification of this application by inserting, at the beginning thereof, the following:

-- This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/444,083 entitled Absorbent Articles With Refastenable Side Seams and filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 22, 1999. The entirety of application serial number 09/444,083 is hereby incorporated by reference. --

Additionally, please cancel claims 20 and 22 – 29 of this application.

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated, after entry, if applicable, of any amendments, as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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